

## REMARKS

Applicant appreciates the Examiner's indication that Claims 6, 7, 13 and 14 have been allowed. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests an indication of the allowance of dependent Claims 3, 4/3, 5/3, 15, and 18, which previously referred to, or have been amended to refer to, allowed independent Claim 6. Applicant also respectfully requests an indication of the allowance of dependent Claims 9-12, 14, and 19-22, which previously referred to, or have been amended to refer to, allowed independent Claim 13.


Applicant also appreciates the Examiner's indication that dependent Claim 17 contains allowable subject matter, and would be allowed if amended into independent form, including the subject matter of any intervening claims. In response, Applicant has added the allowable subject matter of dependent Claim 17, and intervening dependent Claim 16, into associated independent Claim 1. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests an indication of the allowance of independent Claim 1 and associated dependent Claims 2, 4/1 and 5/1.

All pending claims are believed to be in condition for allowance. Should the Examiner be of the opinion that any outstanding issues exist, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned attorney.

Respectfully submitted,

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